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FIELDS OF EXPERTISE DOCUMENT TO BE REVISITED

The Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists (Board) is revisiting the Fields of Expertise (F/E) document with the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (B-PELS). A meeting between Board President Seena Hoose, Executive Officer Paul Sweeney and B-PELS' Executive Officer Cindi Christenson on August 6, 1998, resulted in the reopening of the door for productive discussions on this guidance document.

The Board has not yet adopted the F/E document, but may consider such an action at a Board meeting later this year. Now is the time for you to tell the Board what you believe should be in this document. The current timeframe for discussion of a revised F/E document by the Board's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is at its meeting in San Diego on September 11, 1998.

B-PEL's Technical Advisory Committee meets on September 23, 1998, in Sacramento, at which time it may consider revisions to the F/E based on the Board's input. The Board will discuss the F/E at its meeting on October 23 in El Segundo. It is anticipated that the Board's TAC at its meeting on November 6, 1998, in Sacramento, will adopt recommended Board action to be taken on the revised F/E document.

If you need a copy of the latest version of the F/E document, please call the Board's offices in Sacramento at (916) 263-2113 or download it from the Internet at: www.dca.ca.gov/pels/9610pol.html.

REGULATION PACKAGES OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board has begun a public comment period for consideration of regulations. These proposed regulations are in Title 16, Division 29, sections 3061, 3064 and 3065 of the California Code of Regulations. Sections 3061 and 3064 address revised Disciplinary Guidelines, and section 3065 adopts regulations establishing Rules of Professional Standards (Code of Ethics). The proposed regulations are available upon request from the Board's office in Sacramento. Please call (916) 263-2113 or send a letter to the address on this bulletin. The proposed regulations are also available on the Board's Website: http://www.dca.ca.gov/geology.

Any person interested may present oral or written comments relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at the Embassy Suites-LAX South, 1440 East Imperial Avenue, El Segundo, CA 90245 at 9:00 AM, on October 23, 1998. Written comments may also be sent to the Board by mail, fax or E-mail by 5:00 PM on October 22, 1998.

SB 1984 PASSES LEGISLATURE, NOW ON GOVERNOR'S DESK

As of press time, SB 1984 (Greene) had passed both the State Assembly and the State Senate and was on the Governor's desk for signature. This legislation allows the Board to implement a national examination for Registered Geologists while still maintaining a supplemental California specific examination. This legislation is fiscally responsible because it allows the Board to recover, from applicants, the actual costs incurred to administer the licensing examination for geologists. This will resolve an inequity that exists now. The Board initiated an internal evaluation of the actual expenses associated with the examinations and determined that license renewal fees are subsidizing the actual costs associated with evaluating applications and with developing and administering the Board's examinations.

LICENSEE UPDATE

In an effort to provide better customer service, the Board is updating its database for licensees. Therefore, the Board requests that you complete and return the following information. Thank you for your time and cooperation. **Please type or print.**

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